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REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Venkatachaliah Commission has started the work of review of Constitution of India; and

(b) if so, the details of the precise areas which will be subjected to this review?

Answer

MINISTER FOR LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No aspect of the Constitution has been specifically referred to the National commission to Review the Working of the Constitution for examination. However, the terms of reference of the Commission are to examine, in the light of the experience of the past 50 years, as to how best the Constitution can respond to the changing needs of efficient, smooth and effective system of governance and socio-economic development of modern India within the framework of Parliamentary democracy and to recommend changes, if any, that are required in the provisions of the Constitution without interfering with its basic structure or features.